

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2008. After its entry, claims 1-17 are pending in this application and subject to examination. Claims 1, 5, and 6 are amended. No new matter is added.

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-10 and 12-17 stand rejected as obvious over U.S Patent No. 6,097,147 to Baldo et al. (Baldo) in view of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0122900 to Ueda et al. (Ueda). Claims 11, 15, and 16 stand rejected as obvious over Baldo in view of Ueda and further in view of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2001/0000943 A1 to Fukuoka et al. (Fukuoka). Claim 17 stands rejected as obvious over Baldo in view of Ueda and further in view of U.S. Patent. No. 6,299,796 B1 to Igarashi (Igarashi). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 1-10 and 12-17

Applicants maintain that claims 1-10 and 12-17 are non-obvious over the combined teachings of Baldo and Ueda for the reasons previously set forth in the amendment submitted on March 24, 2009. In the April 4, 2009 Advisory Action, the Examiner asserts that Applicants showing of unexpected results is not commensurate in scope with the present claims. Applicants respectfully disagree. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, and 6 to delete (1) heteroaromatic groups from the definition of aryl, (2) Cl, Br, I, NO₂, and alkoxy groups from the definition of R, and (3) the optional substitution of one or more nonadjacent CH₂ groups with -R¹C=CR¹-, -C≡C-, Si(R¹)₂, Ge(R¹)₂, Sn(R¹)₂, -O-, -S-, or NR¹ from the definition of R. Applicants submit that the showing of unexpected results is now commensurate in scope with claims 1-10 and 12-17, as amended. As such, Applicants submit that these amended claims are non-obvious over the combined teachings of Baldo and Ueda and respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 11, 15, and 16

The remarks *supra* regarding claims 1-10 and 12-17 are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Applicants submit that claims 11, 15, and 16, as amended, are non-obvious over the combined teachings of Baldo, Ueda, and Fukuoka for the same reasons that amended claims 1-10 and 12-17 are non-obvious over the combined teachings of Baldo and Ueda. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 17

The remarks *supra* regarding claims 1-10 and 12-17 are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Applicants submit that claim 17, as amended, is non-obvious over the combined teachings of Baldo, Ueda, and Igarishi for the same reasons that amended claims 1-10 and 12-17 are non-obvious over the combined teachings of Baldo and Ueda. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Payment in the amount of \$1,300.00 is submitted concurrently herewith to cover the fees required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(2) and 1.17(e) for a two-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants believe no additional fees are due with this Amendment. However, if a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 14113-00141-US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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